

Our High Priest and His Sacrifice

(Sermon 26 in the Hebrews Series)

Hebrews 9:23-10:10

I. The Reality of His One Time Sacrifice 9:23-28

A. Heavenly things with better Sacrifices 9: 23 (Spiritual realities for His people).

1. Fulfilled the eternal plan of redemption (Covenant of Grace)
2. The sacrifice of Christ (once for all)
3. The true presence of God (with God for eternity)
4. Purification (Sanctification)

Definitive (Positional) Sanctification

Heb. 10:10 -- 1 Cor. 1:2

Progressive Sanctification

“Sanctification is a work of God’s free grace, whereby we are renewed in the whole man after the image of God, and are enabled more and more to die unto sin and live unto righteousness.”

B. He is in the Presence of God for Us 9:24

1. Advocate (*parakletos*) – 1 John 2:1
Helper, Comforter
Christ pleads our cause in Heaven.
2. Intercessor – propitiation carries that idea – 1 John 2:2
Between God and man.

Romans 8:34 -- ...*Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us.*

Spurgeon -- “I had rather believe a limited atonement that is efficacious for all men for whom it was intended, than a universal atonement that is not efficacious for anybody, except the will of man be joined with it.”
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C. One Sacrifice for All Time 9:25-28

1. **v. 25** – Not like the OT High Priest -- year after year with the blood of another.

2. v. 26 – Owen – “Not then, but *now*, not often but *once*,” not from the foundation of the world, but in *the end* of it. He *appeared*, was ‘manifested in the flesh’ that He might suffer and offer Himself unto God. This He did to *put away sin*.”
3. v. 27-28 -- Those “in Christ” will be with Christ for all eternity. We have the promise of the second coming.

II. The O.T. Sacrifices were not Sufficient for Salvation 10:1-4

- A. The shadow not the very image.
- B. Remembrance of Sin
- C. Animal Sacrifices can never take away Sin

III. The Perfect Sacrifice 10:5-10

- A. Psalm 40:6-8 – expounded by the author
- B. The Incarnation -- a true body and a reasonable soul

Isaiah 53:10-12 -- Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise Him;

He has put *Him* to grief. When You make **His soul** an offering for sin,
He shall see *His* seed, He shall prolong *His* days,
And the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in His hand.

¹¹ He shall see the labor of **His soul**, *and* be satisfied.

By His knowledge My righteous Servant shall justify many,
For He shall bear their iniquities.

¹² Therefore I will divide Him a portion with the great,

And He shall divide the spoil with the strong,

Because He poured out **His soul unto death**,

And He was numbered with the transgressors,

And **He bore the sin of many**, And made intercession for the transgressors.

IV. Blood Sacrifices Teach at least Five Truths

1. Sin is defiling; the sinner, on his own is not fit to approach a holy God.
2. The sacrifice of Christ cleanses a sinner from their sin.
3. The death of Christ really deals with sin and puts it away forever.
4. Our salvation came at an unimaginable price.
5. By the will of God, we (Christians) have been sanctified (set apart)